

The Digital TV Transition

Click
here to view and print a 1-page flyer with everything you need to know
about how to prepare yourself for the switch to DTV here in Sacramento!

On Friday, June 12th,
the nation's full-power television stations
will switch to all-digital programming. This will mean that analog
television sets that are not connected to a converter box, cable, or satellite
will stop working. The transition is critical because it will free up
airwaves for broadband and enhanced emergency communications for our police
officers, firefighters, and other first responders.

Earlier this year,
President Obama and Congress worked to delay the digital television transition,
because it was clear that many Americans would have been left in the dark
had the conversion gone on as planned. In the months since then, we have
worked to assist millions with the transition, particularly those in our
most vulnerable communities.

While the number of
households unprepared for digital television has been cut in half, some
are still not ready. Because there will not be another delay, I encourage
you to be prepared for the transition so that you do not lose access to
important news and information.

What
do I need to do to get ready?

If you currently watch over-the-air television through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears," take action now to ensure you have continuous coverage:

Connect
your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box

Your local broadcasters may make the transition before the June 12th deadline, and some already have. Digital-to-analog converter boxes are in stores and have a one-time cost of \$40-\$70. To help you pay for the converter boxes, the U.S. Government is offering two \$40 coupons per household. Because it typically takes nine business days to process and mail coupons, consumers who apply now may not receive their coupons in time for the June 12th deadline.

- Click
here to apply for a coupon online, Or call 1-888-388-2009
(voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY)
- Click here to view and print a list of Sacramento DTV retailers

Buy
a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner)

You do not need a High Definition TV (HDTV) to watch digital broadcast television. You only need a digital TV (or an analog TV connected to a digital-to-analog converter box). Depending on the signal strength of the DTV channels some consumers may need to move their existing antenna or purchase a new antenna to improve reception. You can learn more at <http://www.antennaweb.org>.

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Subscribe
to a paid TV service

If your TV set receives local broadcast stations through a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV, it is already prepared for the DTV transition. Cable companies are not required to transition or switch any of their channels to digital. However, if you have an analog TV that does not receive local broadcast stations through your paid provider, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to watch digital broadcasts on that TV.

If you have a converter box, a digital television, or subscribe to a paid TV service such as cable or satellite TV, you're ready for the transition!

DTV Transition Schedule for Sacramento:

Channel	Affiliation	Time & Day
3 KCRA	NBC	9am - June 12
58 KQCA	MY	9am - June 12
40 KTXL	Fox	9am - June 12
13 KOVR	CBS	6pm - June 12
31 KMAX	CW	6pm - June 12
10 KXTV	ABC	11:59pm - June 12
19 KTFK	Univision	11:59pm - June 12
6 KVIE	Public	11:59pm - June 12

For
More Information:

- Call 1-888-CALL-FCC
(Voice) or 1-888-TELL-FCC (TTY)
- DTV
Made Easy (.pdf)
- Frequently
Asked Questions
- Visit
the website www.dtv.gov
- Learn

how to install your converter box (.pdf)

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Visit

DTVanswers.com to watch a video on how to install your converter box

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